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SUBJECT: CHICAGO "COMMISSION OF INQUIRY": MEETING  
WITH AMBASSADOR

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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR, DCM, AND CONSUL MET WITH MEMBERS OF CHICAGO GROUP HEADED BY FATHER GRANT FEB. 18 AT CHANCERY. DISCUSSION CENTERED PRINCIPALLY ON EMBASSY ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH TERUGGI CASE, AND USG PRACTICES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND IMMIGRATION. AMBASSADOR TOLD GROUP AT OUTSET THAT QUESTIONS SUBSTANTIVE NATURE REGARDING GOV POLICIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER MATTERS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO GOC. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR, DCM THOMPSON, CONUL PURDY AND DAVIDOW (LIAISON OFFICER) SPENT 1 1/2 HOURS WITH SELF-STYLED CHICAGO "COMMISSION OF INQUIRY" AT CHANCERY FEB 18. DISCUSSION RANGED OVER FOUR PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS: PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO THE US OF CHILEAN IMMIGRANTS AND THIS-COUNTRY REGUGEES; THE DEATH OF FRANK TERUGGI JR; PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH THE CONSULATE; AND GROUP'S DESIRE FOR INTERVIEWS WITH CHILEAN OFFICIALS. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF EVENTS IN CHILE GENERALLY OF THE BROAD POLICIES OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

3. ON ADMISSION OF REFUGEES AND CHILEANS  
TO US, GROUP APPEARED TO BE PROBING TO ASCERTAIN  
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WHETHER USG WAS NOT UNDULY RESTRICTIVE IN ADMISSIONS

POLICY. BELIEVE WE CLARIFIED DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES, AND EXTENT TO WHICH EMBASSY PROCEDURES ARE LAID DOWN BY LAW AND REGULATIONS WHICH ARE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. WE STRESSED CHANGE IN EXISTING PROCEDURES NOT WITHIN COMPETENCE OF EMBASSY.

4. ON TERUGGICASE , WE REVIEWED FACTS AT LENGTH FOR TERUGGI'S FATHER; WE ASSURED HIM USG WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION IN EVERY APPROPRIATE WAY. TERUGGI SR. EXPRESSED OPINION USG SHOULD EXERT SOME FORM OF ADDITIONAL PRESSURE TO OBTAIN MORE FORTHCOMING RESPONSES ON UNANSWERED QUESTIONS RELATING TO CASE, AND SOUGHT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH GNERAL PINOCHET. ON LATTER MATTER, AS ON GENERAL QUESTION OF GROUP INTERVIEWS WITH CHILEAN OFFICILS, WE REFERRED GROUP TO CONTACT POINT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WE HAD PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED.

5. IN DISCUSSION OF EMBASSY PROCEDURES ON REGISTRATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, GROUP ASKED IF EMBASSY KEPT SPECIAL LISTS, OTHER THAN CONSULAR REGISTRATIONS, OF AMERICANS. WE SAID WE COLLECTED SUCH INFORMATION AS WE COULD GET FROM SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS MISSIONARY AND BUSINESS GROUPS. ONE GROUP MEMBER ASKED IF THERE WERE CIA SURVEILLANCE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE ASSURED GROUP THERE WAS NOT.

6. WE HAVE CONTACTED GOC FOREIGN MINISTRY LIAISON OFFICIAL WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE GROUP AFTERNOON FEB. 18 GROUP TOLD US IT WOULD REQUEST INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS. MR. TERUGGI SR. IS REQUESTING TO SEE GENERAL PINOCHET. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO GROUP (AND TO FOREIGN MINISTRY) THAT ACCESSIBILITY TO GOC OFFICIALS IS QUESTION FOR DETERMINATION BY GOC AND NOT BY EMBASSY.

7. CBS CORRESPONDENT FILMED AMBASSADOR GREETING GROUP, BUT ASKED NOT PRESENT AT MEETING.

8. GROUP ASKED TO SEE AMBASSADOR AGAIN BEFORE THEY  
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LEFT CHILE AND HE HAS AGREED TO DO SO IF THEY DESIRE.  
DISCUSSION GENERALLY MODERATE AND RESTRAINED.  
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